

FALLBROOK AIRPARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. on August 1, 2011 at the Fallbrook Public Utilities District, 990 East Mission Road, Fallbrook, CA.

ROLL CALL Members present represent a quorum.

Ken Kalbfell	Absent
Carl Morrison	Present
David Duffer	Present
Doug Dwyer	Present
Jeff Holstein	Present

COUNTY STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT

Peter Drinkwater-Director of Airports
Leeann Lardy-Project Manager, Real Estate- Airports
Bo Donovan-Fallbrook Airport Manager

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The minutes from the May 2, 2011 meeting were noted with no changes. Motion to approve by Mr. Duffer seconded by Mr. Dwyer and passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays.

REAL PROPERTY REPORT

Ms. Lardy introduced Mr. John Stoltz with the Ingold Sports Park. Mr. Stoltz reported to the committee on a field conversion project by the Sports Park to improve the park's #3 soccer field from natural grass to artificial turf. The project is expected to cost between \$425,000 and \$525,000 and will improve the maintenance and water use of the facility.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Johnny Maxwell, representing the homes just across the fence, to the North of the Airpark spoke regarding the modular, tented buildings that he felt were an eyesore to his view and the view of his neighbors. Mr. Maxwell asked that they be moved so as not to be seen by himself and his neighbors. Mr. Morrison and Mr. Dwyer also expressed their concerns for the same issue and staff was asked to find a solution as soon as possible. Mr. Dwyer asked that the record reflect his agreement with and appreciation for Mr. Maxwell's comments. Mr. Drinkwater agreed to look for a suitable solution.

Mr. Morrison made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, that the topic of the trailers become an action item. The motion passed 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Morrison then made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, that the Committee request that County Staff address the movement of the trailers to a more suitable location. The motion passed 4 ayes, 0 nays.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

This discussion centered on the parachute operations by airport tenant, Skydive America. Mr. Holstein opened the discussion by explaining that the operator was a contributor to the airport in fuel sales and operations counts and that he hoped there was a way for Skydive America to stay at Fallbrook, but that there were issues with their drop zone and County Code Enforcement, in that the property is not code compliant for that type of activity.

The discussion continued with a number of comments from those present. Mike Coleman spoke in favor of the operators and said the conduct he witnesses from time to time was acceptable to him. Tom Wilson spoke to the dangers he perceived with the current drop zone and that he often approached the airport for landing with a fly-over on the right side of 18. Don Evans said that the current drop zone was unsafe and should be moved to an area further away from the runway and its approach.

Mr. Hartung, who is the owner of Skydive America, said per his conversations with the FAA, he felt he was being discriminated against by not being allowed to establish a drop zone on the Airport. County Staff responded their goal was simply to find a way for him to operate in a safe and compliant manner. The Code Enforcement issues had no connection to County Airports. Ms Lardy explained there is a process to be followed and the first step is for Mr. Hartung to make a request to establish an on airport Drop Zone. She agreed to meet with Mr. Hartung to explain the steps for the County to review and process his application. She said staff would do whatever they could to expedite the process but that it would take several weeks. She encouraged him to continue to locate an off airport drop site.

It was agreed that a detailed plan for an alternative drop zone would be developed and distributed for review before any decision was made. Mr. Morrison expressed his concerns for some of the noise complaints and activities of the employees from Skydive America, but that he could see a way for the operations to continue, if compliant and safe. Mr. Morrison also stated that he'd like the record to reflect that he believes Mr. Holstein has a financial interest in Skydive America because he does maintenance on their aircraft.

It was also agreed to give staff time to work on a proposal with Mr. Hartung and then present it to a special meeting of FAAC on August 29, 2011. In addition there would be a Friends of Fallbrook Community Airpark meeting, on August 27, 2011 to give additional opportunity for community input.

A motion was made by Mr. Morrison and seconded by Duffer that procedures, rules and regulations regarding skydiving activities be added to the County Airport's Rules, Regulations and Minimum Standards. The motion passed 4 ayes and 0 nays.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Drinkwater deferred to the parachute operations discussion, in the interest of time.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

STAFF REPORTS

Bo Donovan reported on the following:

Security: Mr. Donovan informed the Committee that a new Security Officer had been hired and that his training at the airport would begin immediately. **Gate Codes:** Mr. Donovan informed the Committee that the airport's 2 main gates would undergo code changes on August 19th. **New Main Gate System:** The Committee was informed that the bid for a new main gate system had been awarded and there would be an installation of a completely new wrought iron gate, controller, keypad, phone system and ground loops. Mr. Donovan advised that there would be some, short-lived, inconveniences during the installation, but that a walk through to mitigate those inconveniences would take place soon. **Security Cameras:** The Committee was informed that a new security system would be installed by January 1, 2012. The cameras are expected to cover the approach to 18 and 36, the viewing area, the office and Unicom yard, the main gate and secondary security gate.

SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

The next Special meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 29, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 7, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURN

A motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Duffer, seconded by Mr. Morrison and passed 4 ayes, 0 nays. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

Bo Donovan
Airport Manager